APPENDIX H.

Extract from "Notes of the Dewan's Inspection of the Kolar District."

"Honge leaves for manure" was one of the subjects discussed. Government honge topes formerly in free private use have had to be reserved to the Government. The fact of free private use was a survival of the batayi system. On the substitution of the Nagadiyat, the use of leaves should have been charged for. Some suitable arrangement is however now necessary so as to enable the wet land cultivators to purchase the quantity of honge leaves they require for purposes of manure. The right to the honge leaves of some trees and, if necessary, of some topes also, should be annually sold in all parts of the taluk with reference to the cultivation season and so as to allow of the use of leaves for manure. Other topes not so disposed of should be annually sold (later in the year) for the fruit. Where convenient, there should be a rotation as regards sale for leaves and sale for fruit, so as to ensure a period of rest to trees which may be used for leaves for a number of years. The arrangement should be distinctly noted in the No. I Statement of every village, and some simple rules regarding the mode of use should be prescribed. The Deputy Commissioner will obtain the advice of the Inspector General of Forests on the subject.